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## Little Mrs. Blank

By CARL JOHNSON

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If the ordinary household is upset by a theft you can realize how much worse things may be in an English house where from twelve to twenty guests are being entertained and where it would be rank insult to suspect any of them. The only way out in most cases is to lay it on to the servants and to send one or two of them packing, with twenty pound notes in their pockets alongside of a rather ambiguous certificate of character. But that doesn't bring entire satisfaction. There is the loss of the money or jewels, the humiliation of the host and the public scandal.

When the hunting season was about to open on a certain year Sir James wrote to Abraham Croft to pay him a business visit. It was not Croft's first. As a private inquiry agent he had been made use of on various occasions, and he was known to be up in his profession.

"I shall have ten gentlemen and twelve ladies in my house for two weeks, beginning on the 3d," said Sir James as he sat in the library with Croft. "Here is the list."

"Good people," commented Croft as he glanced at the names.

"None better, but I don't want anything to happen."

"Not a doubt of it,"

"I think the rest may look out for themselves, but you must act as a guardian in a way for Lady Sparrow. You will be assistant butler for the time being."

"At your service, Sir James."

"I'll bank on my own servants, but you watch the gentlemen's valets and the ladies' maids, particularly Lady Sparrow's maid. That's all."

Among the guests was Mrs. Major Blank, whose husband was in the



SIR JAMES HELD UP HIS HANDS IN AMAZEMENT.

Fourteenth. She was handsome, petite and versatile, and she was generally spoken of as little Mrs. Blank. In a way she was really in the aristocratic set—in money way. In another way she was popular, and it was the thing to invite her. Every hostess found her a valuable coadjutor in entertaining, and if the major never showed up and she dined a bit with other men there was no one to speak ill of her. She was so mildly wicked, if wicked at all, that it didn't count. Of the twenty-two guests on the list she was the least known to Croft, and he was, therefore, prepared to watch her the closest. He had no sooner got sight of her, however, than he whispered to himself:

"I am away off there. She's got the innocence of a baby, and it would be time thrown away to watch her."

Lady Sparrow brought her diamonds, and she brought a new maid, and she sustained her reputation for carelessness. Sometimes Sir James caught her into letting him look up the jewels for the night, but they were often left to the care of the maid or to no care at all.

"Bound to be picked up sooner or later," mused Croft, "and I shall keep an eye on the maid. She seems decent, but I believe she knows a thing or two."

On the twelfth day of her stay Lady Sparrow got out her diamonds at mid-afternoon and saw her maid brush them up a bit. They were then left lying in their box on the table while the owner lay down for a nap before dinner. When she awoke the box was gone.

"Queer case," said Croft to Sir James three hours later. "I laid it to the maid at first, but have found that she can prove a perfect alibi. She wasn't even in the house at the time the box was taken, nor can I find that any servant was within fifty feet of Lady Sparrow's room. No one could have entered by her windows, and of course the thief is inside the house. We are going to have trouble to locate him or her, however. Two questioned every servant, and I can't say that I suspect any of them."

"But you can't suspect any of the guests?" exclaimed Sir James in consternation.

"Not in the slightest. It's a rum go, and I've got my work cut out for me."

Two days later he had still nothing to report. The servants had been questioned and cross questioned, and valets and maids had been given the "third degree" and at length Croft was satisfied of the innocence of all the underlings.

"Then it was some slick thief who got in despite your vigilance," reproachfully observed Sir James.

"I should rather say it was one of your twenty-two guests," doggedly replied the agent.

"But think of it, man!"

"I'm thinking, Mr. James."

"Who among them can you possibly suspect? Why, sir, it's simply monstrous. I'd sooner pay for the jewels twice over than to hint that one of my guests is under suspicion. No, no, Croft. It's a queer case, and the thief was too much for you, and I'll pay the loss and hush up the talk."

"But I want to remain here for a week or ten days," said the agent. "I confess to being puzzled now, but my reputation is at stake, and I must try and solve the mystery."

He was told to remain and do his best, and that night as he lay in his bed he whispered in his own ears:

"It's dollars to cents that the jewels were taken by a guest. Now, who would be the most suspicious and who the last? Let's say the lady. Sparrow stole her own diamonds, she being a seeker after notoriety. That charge won't hold, however, as she turned her whole baggage out for inspection and she tried to watch when she discovered her loss was the genuine thing. Now, who is last? Why, little Mrs. Blank, of course. I'll stake all on her innocence, but I'm going to watch her. Her room is five doors away, and she says she was out on the lawn from 10 to 5 on the afternoon of the robbery, but let us see what can be turned up."

Detective Croft did something in doing nothing. He wouldn't tell Sir James or any of the guests his thoughts, and he tried to watch the little woman as she flitted about would have been ridiculous. He therefore passed most of his time in the conservatory wondering where he could take hold of the case. On his first day he saw little Mrs. Blank enter the place twice and wander about and sing to herself. On the second day she was in and out three times. On the third day she slyly took from her pocket a letter which she read with considerable agitation and, woman-like, dropped it on the floor as she went out. She returned for it in five minutes, but Croft had possessed himself of the contents.

"Well?" briskly demanded Sir James as the agent asked for an interview that evening.

"I think I have found the jewels," was the reply.

"You think, but don't you know?"

"Not exactly. I have saved the pleasure for you. Let us go into the conservatory and look the book."

"Well?" again queried Sir James in impatient tones.

"You have several artificial plants in tubs, your honor, and this one in particular is so light that even a woman could lift it. Will you please have it out?"

Sir James looked at the agent in a puzzled way, but seized the plant and lifted it from the tub and then held up his hands in amazement. At the bottom of the tub was the missing jewel box with contents intact.

"You see," said Croft, "in three or four days more the box would have gone home with one of your guests."

"Croft," said Sir James as he laid hand on the man's shoulder, "you may know the thief?"

"I do, Sir James."

"But don't tell me his name. I'll send him off with \$50 in his pocket and not even read him a moral lecture."

"Right you are, Sir James," replied Croft as the ghost of a smile stole over his face, and he winked at himself.

County names. In the New England and middle Atlantic states are almost exclusively of English or Indian origin. In the border states of the south they are chiefly English, in the Gulf states English and Indian, with French in Louisiana and traces of Spanish origin in Florida and Texas. In the Mississippi valley they are equal of English and Indian origin, with some French names coming down from the Jesuit explorers. In the Rocky mountain states they are again English and Indian, with a larger proportion of the latter than in the south. In the Pacific coast Spanish county names again crop out. Texas has a Deer Smith county, about the only instance of a nickname coming from a fixed upon an important political division. A pretty fair history of the political and social influences at work in the early development of a state could be written from a study of county names.

Intoxicated Wasps. Wasps have a great fondness for overripe fruit, especially pears, plums and sweet apples. The sugar in these fruits has a tendency to pass into a kind of alcohol in the ordinary process of rotting, and after imbibing large quantities of this liquid the wasps become outrageously intoxicated. They crawl away from the grass in a semi-conscious condition and remain till the effects have passed off, when they will go to it again. It is while in this condition that they do their worst stinging. A person receiving a sting from one of these intoxicated wasps will suffer severely from nerve poisoning for days.

Plato's Scheme. It was Mr. Streeter, a London jeweler, who was instrumental in exposing the notorious Plinta, who claimed to have discovered the philosopher's stone. His method consisted in having a bag of gold dust concealed in his sleeve, from which, by an ingenious contrivance, he was able to squeeze the powdered metal unnoticed into the crucible. By this means he was able to melt a sovereign and produce three or four times its weight in metal.

Management of the Spoon. Use the spoon only to stir tea or coffee; never use it to sip or drink with. As soon as the liquid is stirred place the spoon in the cup and leave it there during the remainder of the meal. If a second cup is desired, pass the cup with the spoon in the saucer, not in the cup. Do not drink from the cup with the spoon in it.

The Palm Room. "Why do they call it the palm room?" asked the bride as they entered the hotel dining room. "The palms are very few and only varnished ones."

"The waiters, the waiters, my dear. They all have palms, and they must be silvered by the guests."—Cleveland Leader.

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Township of Norrisville, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, First, Second and Third wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, First, Second and Third wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, Forty-first and Forty-second wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, Forty-first and Forty-second wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Forty-third, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Forty-third, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth and Fiftieth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth and Fiftieth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth, Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth, Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Sixty-third, Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Sixty-third, Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth and Seventieth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth and Seventieth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Seventy-third, Seventy-fourth, Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Seventy-third, Seventy-fourth, Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Seventy-seventh, Seventy-eighth, Seventy-ninth and Eightieth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Seventy-seventh, Seventy-eighth, Seventy-ninth and Eightieth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Upper Merion, Eighty-third, Eighty-fourth, Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Lower Merion, Eighty-third, Eighty-fourth, Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 2, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

East Districts, at the public house of Alfred Tyson, Wednesday, July 12, from 1 to 3 p. m.

Borough of Jenkinsville, at the public house of J. E. Cottman, Thursday, July 14, from 8 a. m. to 12 m.

Township of Cheltenham, West, First, Second and Third Districts, at the public house of S. R. Clayton, Friday, July 15, from 8:30 to 11:30 a. m.

Township of Abington and Weldon Districts, at the public house of S. Crowther, Friday, July 15, from 1 to 3:30 p. m.

Township of Salford, at the public house of Robert Bros., Saturday, July 16, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Upper Salford, at the public house of S. N. Smith, Monday, July 18, from 1 to 3:30 p. m.

Township of Marlborough, at the public house of Samuel Barad, Tuesday, July 19, from 8 to 12:30 a. m.

Borough of Greenlane, at the public house of J. W. S. Green, July 19, from 1 to 3:30 p. m.

Borough of Greenfield and Hatfield Borough, at the public house of Chester Knipe, Monday, July 19, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Borough of Hill, at the public house of W. B. Kenney, Tuesday, July 20, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Upper Salford, Second District, at the public house of John Haring, Thursday, July 21, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Salford, at the public house of W. B. Kenney, Thursday, July 21, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Upper Salford, at the public house of S. N. Smith, Friday, July 22, from 1 to 3:30 p. m.

Township of Marlborough, at the public house of Philip H. Brown, Monday, July 25, from 8:30 to 10 a. m.

Township of Hatfield and Hatfield Borough, at the public house of Chester Knipe, Monday, July 25, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Greenfield, at the public house of W. B. Kenney, Tuesday, July 26, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Upper Salford, Second District, at the public house of John Haring, Thursday, July 27, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Salford, at the public house of W. B. Kenney, Thursday, July 27, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Upper Salford, at the public house of S. N. Smith, Friday, July 28, from 1 to 3:30 p. m.

Township of Marlborough, at the public house of Samuel Barad, Tuesday, July 29, from 8 to 12:30 a. m.

Borough of Greenlane, at the public house of J. W. S. Green, July 29, from 1 to 3:30 p. m.

Borough of Greenfield and Hatfield Borough, at the public house of Chester Knipe, Monday, July 29, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Borough of Hill, at the public house of W. B. Kenney, Tuesday, July 30, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Upper Salford, Second District, at the public house of John Haring, Thursday, August 1, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Salford, at the public house of W. B. Kenney, Thursday, August 1, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Upper Salford, at the public house of S. N. Smith, Friday, August 2, from 1 to 3:30 p. m.

Township of Marlborough, at the public house of Philip H. Brown, Monday, August 5, from 8:30 to 10 a. m.

Township of Hatfield and Hatfield Borough, at the public house of Chester Knipe, Monday, August 5, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Greenfield, at the public house of W. B. Kenney, Tuesday, August 6, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Upper Salford, Second District, at the public house of John Haring, Thursday, August 7, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Salford, at the public house of W. B. Kenney, Thursday, August 7, from 8 to 10:30 a. m.

Township of Upper Salford, at the public house of S. N. Smith, Friday, August



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THROUGH the influence of Miss Helen Gould, the Western Union Telegraph Company has shut off the trade of pool rooms, thus giving up voluntarily a tremendous revenue for moral reasons.

BEGINNING of the week it was reported from St. Petersburg that in a great battle at Port Arthur the Japanese army suffered the loss of 15,000 men killed and wounded. The Russian loss is placed at 3000 men.

FOREIGN anarchists, whose utterances frequently favor the destruction of all existing government, should not be admitted to the shores of the United States. The Supreme Court is right, from a constitutional standpoint and otherwise.

IT is announced that good printing paper can be made from rice straw. If this be so, the South will find a great market for a product that now goes to waste, practically. Moreover, there will be no duty, no protective-tariff-for-the-benefit-of-trusts and favorite weaklings, to pay upon such raw material.

Two detectives and mounted policemen recently escorted Miss Roosevelt, the daughter of the President, from the wharf at Torresdale, Philadelphia, to the place she was visiting and back again to the railroad station. Is Philadelphia going from bad to worse; from purgatory to perdition? Or, was the show of detectives and mounted policemen only an exhibit of detestable flunkeyism?

REPRESENTATIVES of county newspapers were permitted the gracious privilege of availing themselves of standing room under pressure at the dedication, Tuesday. For this peculiar evidence of peculiar deficiency of reasonable consideration for the rural press, the members of the extraordinary Committee of Arrangements, are entitled to some recognition; and less appreciation.

THE Democrats of Indiana and Wisconsin have announced their choice for the Presidency to be Grover Cleveland. Excellent choice. By the way, and this is really a surprising piece of information, the illustrious Henry Watterson, of Kentucky, who has for years and with all his might opposed Mr. Cleveland, now declares that the ex-President "is the logical and only safe choice left to the Democracy." Well, well.

THE following statement recently made by Mr. Wayne MacVeagh at the annual meeting of the Peace Society in Boston, should be read, re-read, and remembered by every citizen of the United States: "Since we left the paths of self-defense for the paths of aggression and conquest we have wasted in making the wars we have provoked and in preparation for other wars, which can never come unless we provoke them, a thousand million dollars." Think it over.

MAY all who, with loyal kindness and reverential spirit, place memorial emblems upon the graves of the soldier dead resolve to do full their part toward hastening along the time when cruel wars shall be no more; when the patriotism of peace and justice—not the patriotism of the sword and of shot and shell to convert the scenes of earth into scenes of hell—shall absolutely rule among the sons of men. And may all men and women, throughout the land, resolve to do the same, this year of 1904.

COURT HOUSE DEDICATION.

The enlarged and rehabilitated court house at the county seat was dedicated Tuesday. The impressive exercises, commencing at 11 a. m., were in accord with the prominence and importance of the event. Hon. Aaron S. Swartz, President Judge, was the Chairman, and, following an invocation by Rev. Thomas Beeber, D. D., delivered an address containing much information of general interest to the taxpayers and citizens of the county. He referred to the marvelous growth and development of the county, in common with other parts of the country within the past fifty years, and the necessity for a court house such as now adorns the capital of Montgomery. The address in transfer of the building from the contractors to the Commissioners was made by Wilson Stahlnecker, Esq., and the acceptance by the Commissioners was fittingly voiced by their Solicitor, J. P. Hale Jenkins, Esq. The dedicatory address by Hon. William N. Ashman, of Philadelphia, comprised the forensic efforts of a thoughtful student of human affairs. He referred with especial appropriateness to the great importance of maintaining a faithful judiciary for the preservation of the rights and just liberties of the people. The historical address was delivered by the Governor of Pennsylvania, Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker. When he arose to speak he was greeted with a vigorous welcome applause. His remarks were confined principally to matters of historical interest with especial reference to Montgomery county, and were received with much appreciation. He noted the fact that this county has furnished more Governors to the Commonwealth than any other county in the State, and the further fact that no place in the country of the same population has produced so many distinguished men as the village (now borough) of Trappe, and cited Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, the first Speaker of the United States Congress; General Peter Muhlenberg, of Revolutionary fame; Governor Shunk, and Hon. Jacob Fry, as among the notables who were born and reared in Trappe. The Governor was in fine trim, as the excellence of his address indicated. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. William Anders, of Worcester. The exercises were interspersed with music by the Germania Band. Those in attendance included about all the officials and prospective officials of the county and many representative citizens from various sections of this bailiwick. After the exercises the Judges and lawyers of the county entertained the speakers and other dignitaries at Stritzinger's parlors, and the Commissioners entertained the visiting Commissioners at the Veranda House. \* \* \* The new court house is an imposing and substantial structure, viewed from within or without; a beautiful temple of justice and public building for the administration of the official affairs of the county, and every citizen of the third greatest county of the Commonwealth should feel proud of it. The marble staircase and magnificent pillars of polished marble, the high-ceiled court rooms of sufficient size and durably and artistically finished; the splendid law library, the neatly furnished apartments of the county judiciary, the attractive quarters well equipped with needed furnishings for the county officials—all are enduring evidences of well directed effort on the part of the builders, and of most commendable devotion to duty on the part of the Commissioners in supervising the work involved in the construction of the edifice. The editor believes that Judge Swartz was right in the statement he made in the course of his address that the taxpayers of the county have received value for the money expended in building the new court house. The citizens of every section of the county, who were not present at the exercises, Tuesday, should visit their new public building, inspect it closely, and impartially judge for themselves. The cost of the structure approximates \$600,000.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19, 1904. —Representative Frank Cushman of Washington State, has recently indulged himself in a fling at this city which is much resented here. Cushman has made himself one of the most conspicuous members on the floor whether his mouth is shut or open. He is a tall, angular, cadaverous person, hollow-eyed and lantern-jawed, and is often mistaken for Abraham Lincoln, both by himself and others. "Yonder's the man that looks like Lincoln," is a common remark in the galleries. Cushman began life as a ranchero, and after he got through milking he served as "water boy" on the railroad. At fifteen he was armed with a shovel and became a section hand; at sixteen he was promoted to be a cow-boy, then, acting assistant-cook in a lumber camp. At twenty he began the study of law in Nebraska and was admitted to practice. In 1891 he moved to Takoma and was elected to Congress at twenty-seven. He won first notoriety by making a sensational attack on the tyrannical rules of the House.

Recently in answer to an appeal to do something for Washington, he said "Which Washington?" The taxpayer Washington or the taxpayer Washington? Your correspondent rises to protest that this is not quite fair. This city pays as much taxes as she eats, one and a half per cent. on all real estate owned here. This revenue is increased by the payment of the same amount by the government on its property, it being estimated that the United States owns just about as much property in the District as private individuals do. So Washington City is not a beggar in any sense and does not belong to the mendicant class.

George Washington was a shrewd and cunning business man. When he had cornered the farmers who prodded the sluggish acres at the confluence of the Potomac and its Eastern branch, and startled them with wonderful visions of the future capital, he got them to give to the government one-half of their farms after he had taken out all the land needed for streets and parks. This left vast discretionary power with George, and the Father of his Country, did not hesitate to use it. First, he took one-half of all the land for streets! Then he took a quarter of the residue for parks. He didn't mean to have his children cheated. The result was a city of streets and avenues 150 to 200 feet wide. The residents were burdened with their landed wealth. The streets were so wide that they could never be paved. People could hardly stroll across them and got lost in them on dark nights. In this dilemma four or five hundred miles of streets were surveyed with a narrow zone in the middle of them for a roadway. Another strip on each side was relinquished to the use of the citizens and they were permitted to fence it in for a front yard and even to encroach upon it to the width of a bay-window. Between the parking strip and the roadway the sidewalk was planted and trees planted. In some parts of the business section the brick sidewalks are now sixty feet wide.

The result of this device, which would be called ingenious if it were caused by intention instead of evolution, is that almost every house in the city is decorated with a bay-window. There are probably five times as many bay-windows in this city, proportionate to the number of houses, as there are in any other city in the world. The visitors who are accustomed to the city are accustomed to the bay-window. The children man who has been called the "Father of his Country and nothing else" will be seen also to have been the progenitor and sire of bay-windows. And of a vast bower too, for there are 100,000 trees in the city, and they weave their verdant branches together in front of every house, making a very beautiful city.

But Congressman Cushman was dead right in one particular; there is not a particle of public spirit here and when the people want anything whatever, over and above their taxation, they expect their Uncle Samuel to provide it. It is difficult to raise money enough for a hall to hold a public meeting in, although no taxes are paid on either bay-windows or dooryards.

Professor W. O. Atwater, who discovered that alcohol was food, is in luck (funds) again and will soon put a new lot of students into his respiration colorimeter. He is terribly anxious to ascertain the amount of oxygen used by the human body in respiration while working and when at rest. To make this invaluable discovery he has been given \$7,000 by the Carnegie Institute. Perhaps the money is not virtually thrown away. Possibly Professor Atwater will round up some hoboes and ascertain how much oxygen they consume in a state of repose. He can then catch the man who is pitching hay in the field, and find out how much he consumes in a state of activity. And after the \$7,000 is spent, what then? More, of course.

The sale of the furnishings of Senator Stewart's "castle" began in this city yesterday, and attracted a large audience, notwithstanding the downpour of rain. There was not much enthusiasm evinced, and the bidding was far from spirited. The smaller articles of bric-a-brac, candlesticks, five place furnishings, samovars, (of which the Senator possessed a half dozen) carved

bellows, etc., brought the highest prices according to their intrinsic worth. A handsome mahogany snap-top table was sold for \$16.50; a gilt mantel clock, French, "Cupid and Psyche" went for \$40; an inlaid mahogany drop table brought \$21; a corner cabinet of mahogany mounted in ornolu sold for \$22; very handsome Chinese embroidered silk portieres, five feet by ten sold for \$52 each, and French Ambusson tapestry portieres, very long and rich, brought but \$22 each. Many English prints of coaching, horse-racing, and rural life, were sold for about the price of the frames. A good copy of one of the celebrated Madonna's, in a very elaborately carved and gold Florentine frame brought \$37. Altogether the sale must have been a disappointment. The Senator, if he is as wealthy as reported, might much better have given the really good pieces to some art museum. The incidents of yesterday in the trial of James N. Tyner for fraud and conspiracy seemed to demonstrate that the charges against him are without serious foundation and that he is being used as a scape-goat to carry on the sins of more conspicuous offenders. He seems to be a harmless old man, whose life has been largely spent in Office.

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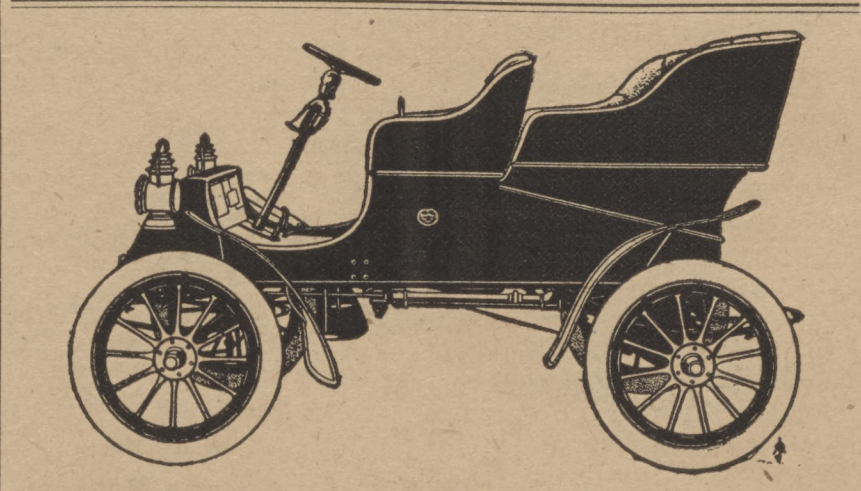
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